

# **The EPA Report**

## **Announcements from Region 9 Programs**



**April 23, 2008**



# Upcoming STORET/WQX Training Opportunities

- **Thursday, April 24, 2008 in San Francisco – 2 Sessions**
  - 13<sup>th</sup> floor training room
  - Focus on the National STORET-compatible template & WebSIM
- **Friday, July 11, 2008 in San Francisco**
  - Optional third session on STORET/WQX following the Non-Point Source Workshop: Water Quality Results & Watershed-Based Planning

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## **Tribal Non Point Source Workshop**

### **July 9-10, San Francisco**

- **Theme: “Water Quality Environmental Results & Watershed Based Planning”**
- **Workshop will assist tribes in:**
  - Measuring environmental results by emphasizing pre- and post-project monitoring
  - Analyzing data trends
  - Implementing best management practices
  - Addressing various water pollution issues on a watershed level
- ***EPA Non Point Source Coordinators:***
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# Workshop - Stormwater Controls for Construction on Tribal Lands

- Date: August 14, 2008
- Location: EPA Region 9, San Francisco
- Contact: Ann Murphy at 415-972-3640 or [murphy.ann@epa.gov](mailto:murphy.ann@epa.gov)



# National Water Program Strategy: Response to Climate Change

- DRAFT document is available for review and comment
- This is the Office of Water's initial effort to identify potential impacts of climate change for clean water and drinking water programs and define actions to respond to these impacts
- Comments are due by **May 27, 2008**
- To submit comments and for more information visit: <http://www.epa.gov/water/climatechange/>



# **HQ Conference Call with Tribes Geologic Sequestration of CO<sub>2</sub>- Thursday**

- **Time: 11:00AM-1:00PM (PST)**
- **Office of Ground Water and Drinking Water is developing a proposed Geologic Sequestration Rule and is seeking tribal involvement**
- **Three R9 Conference Rooms have been reserved for interested tribal representatives to call-in (1211, 1214, 1714)**
- **EPA Personnel will be available in the Lobby to escort you to the conference rooms at 10:50AM**
- **Call-in number: 1-866-299-3188, access code: 2025643887**
- **HQ Contact: Ann Codrington at 202-564-4688 or [codrington.ann@epa.gov](mailto:codrington.ann@epa.gov)**



# Drinking Water Conference

- The 3<sup>rd</sup> Biennial Tribal Intensive: “Working as a Team to Protect Public Health,” Co-sponsored by: US EPA R9, and the Rural Community Assistance Corporation
- **July 14-17, 2008; San Diego**
- For more information: [www.rcac.org](http://www.rcac.org), click on Training and Events
- Scholarships are offered
- Contact: Helen McKinley at 415-972-3559 or [mckinley.helen@epa.gov](mailto:mckinley.helen@epa.gov)

# FY09 Tribal Air Funding

- Tribes notified of funding status—April 4<sup>th</sup>
- R9 received 34 proposals requesting more than \$4.5 million
- R9 tribal allocation—\$2.8 million
- 30 tribes will receive Clean Air Act (CAA) grants for FY 09, including four new CAA grantees
- Contact: Sara Bartholomew at 415-947-4100 or [bartholomew.sara@epa.gov](mailto:bartholomew.sara@epa.gov)





# Particulate Matter Designations

- Recommendations were due for 24-hour PM<sub>2.5</sub> designations—December 18, 2007
- Three tribes in Region 9 submitted recommendations
- R9, HQ, and the tribes have had initial discussions. EPA will formally respond no later than August 20, 2008 (120 days prior to final designations)
- EPA will issue final 24-hour PM<sub>2.5</sub> designations no later than December 18, 2008
- Contact: Colleen McKaughan at 520-498-0118 or [mckaughan.colleen@epa.gov](mailto:mckaughan.colleen@epa.gov)



# Final Ozone Standard

- In March 2008 EPA finalized a new, more stringent Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS) in order to better protect human health
- Because of this stricter standard, additional R9 tribes will be in non-attainment
- Region 9 will be working with tribes during the upcoming designations process
- Contact: Colleen McKaughan at 520-498-0118 or [mckaughan.colleen@epa.gov](mailto:mckaughan.colleen@epa.gov)



# Tribal New Source Review Rule

- Rule was proposed on August 21, 2006
- Regional and tribal workgroups continue to meet regularly
- The rule has been delayed, publication is expected in 2009
- In the interim, Region 9 has drafted a fact sheet on “permitting basics for tribes”
- Contact: Anita Lee at 415-972-3958 or [lee.anita@epa.gov](mailto:lee.anita@epa.gov)



# Lead Standard

- EPA is currently drafting an updated Lead NAAQS
- EPA is considering: lowering the standard, keeping the current standard, and delisting/revoking the standard
- The proposal will be signed May 1, 2008
- There will be a 60 day comment period
- Contact: Ginger Vagenas at 415-972-3964 or [vagenas.ginger@epa.gov](mailto:vagenas.ginger@epa.gov)



# Green House Gas (GHG) Inventory Rulemaking

- EPA is working on a mandatory GHG reporting rule for larger sources
- EPA welcomes tribal input and is planning information sharing sessions
- We anticipate that few sources on tribal lands will be impacted
- Rule will be proposed by September 2008, finalized by June 2009
- HQ Contact: Katherine Siblod at 202-343-9280 or [sibold.katherine@epa.gov](mailto:sibold.katherine@epa.gov)



# OSWER Draft Tribal Strategy

- The Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response encourages tribes to review and comment on the draft *“EPA & Tribal Partnership to Preserve and Restore Land in Indian Country, Tribal Strategy”*
- <http://www.epa.gov/oswer/tribal/strategycomments.html>
- Comments are due by **May 16, 2008**
- HQ Contact: Felicia Wright at 202-566-1886 or [wright.felicia@epa.gov](mailto:wright.felicia@epa.gov)



# ITEP:Tribal Solid Waste Education and Assistance Program (TSWEAP)

- Training on developing a Tribal Integrated Solid Waste Management Plan (*Last one until late Spring 2009!*)
- May 20-22, 2008; St. Paul, Minnesota
- Contact: Todd Barnell, ITEP, at 928-523-3840 or [Todd.Barnell@nau.edu](mailto:Todd.Barnell@nau.edu)



# FY09 Pesticides Tribal Circuit Rider, Request For Proposals

- EPA Region 9's Pesticide Office is soliciting proposals from Federally-recognized tribes in Region 9 who want to work in partnership with at least one other tribe to develop and implement a pesticide program.
- Proposal should include a designated lead tribe, and a plan to hire, train, and manage a Tribal Circuit Rider to maximize coverage in Indian Country.
- Project Period: Two Years
- Funding Level: \$100,000 to \$200,000.
- RFP: EPA Region 9's website and [www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov) in late April 2008.



# EPA HQ Welcomes Comments on...

- Additional information on the following is included in your RTOC Folder:
- Proposed Geologic Sequestration Rule
- Proposed Total Coliform Rule
- Draft Climate Change Strategy
- Federal Interagency Effort to Increase Tribal Access to Safe DW & WW Infrastructure
- Proposed Mandatory Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Reporting Rule
- Guidelines for the Energy Efficiency Demonstration Grant Program for Tribal & Local Governments
- OSWER Draft Tribal Strategy
- Draft Revised Grants Management Plan



# Tribal Travel Fund

- **Purpose:** to pay for unexpected GAP-eligible travel
- **Who can use the fund:** tribal environmental program staff, tribal government members; tribal invitees
- **Trip Limit:** 8 per fiscal year per tribe
- **Process:**
  - 1) Email your form to Tribal\_travel@epa.gov or yelensky.eric@epa.gov
  - 2) Mail original receipts w/ form to OVIWC
- **Website:** <http://www.epa.gov/region09/indian/travel-reimbursement-form.html>
- **Contacts:** **Erica Yelensky** at 415-972-3021, [yelensky.eric@epa.gov](mailto:yelensky.eric@epa.gov), or **Rosanna Marrujo** at 760-873-3300, [travel@oviwc.com](mailto:travel@oviwc.com)

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## **16<sup>th</sup> Annual Region 9 Tribal EPA Conference**

- **DATE:** October 22-24, 2008
- **LOCATION:** Holiday Inn Golden Gateway, San Francisco
- **REGISTRATION INFO:**  
<http://www.plpt.nsn.us/conference/index.html>
- **CONTACT:** Greg Phillips at 775-885-6085 or [phillips.gregory@epa.gov](mailto:phillips.gregory@epa.gov)

# EPA Annual Accomplishments Report 2008

- **Deadline:** start submitting now! Final call for photos will be in early August
- **Identify** the event, state, Tribe, names, and job titles, offices etc. including: who, what, how, where, why it's important and health/environmental benefit. Please include a contact name and phone number
- **Photo specifications**
  - The count of the *dots per inch* (dpi) needs to be at least **300 dpi** to guarantee high resolution desirable for printing purposes
- **Photo Format:**
  - Tribe name\_activity name\_FY08.jpg or tiff; and 2.2 mega pixel or above
- Send photos electronically or on an electronic disc to Erica Yelensky at: 415-972-3021 or [yelensky.eric@epa.gov](mailto:yelensky.eric@epa.gov)

# July 2008 RTOC

- **Date:** July 29-31, 2008
- **Host Tribe:** Tohono O'odham Nation
- **Location:** Tucson, Arizona
- **For more information:**  
<http://www.epa.gov/region09/indian/rtoc/upcoming.html>
- **EPA Contact:** Tina Williams at 415-972-3784 or [williams.tina@epa.gov](mailto:williams.tina@epa.gov)



# Indian Environmental General Assistance Program (GAP) Funding

- National Level Decrease \$620,000
- Regional Level Decrease \$246,237
- 2007 deobligated funds \$2.1 million
- 2008 deobligated funds \$831,000

Total Decrease: \$1.6 million

- Contact Pamela Overman at 415-972-3781 or [overman.pamela@epa.gov](mailto:overman.pamela@epa.gov)

# 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Tribal EPA Conference 2009

- **Date:** TBD, 2009
- **Co-Sponsor Tribe:** Tohono O'odham Nation
- **Location:** Desert Diamond Casino & Hotel within the San Xavier District of the Tohono O'odham Nation
- **EPA Contact:** Pamela Overman at 415-972-3781 or [overman.pamela@epa.gov](mailto:overman.pamela@epa.gov)

# **Celebrate Earth Day: Economics of Plastic Recycling - Thursday**

- **Heather Furmidge invites you to join her as she present the results of a class project she completed for the Environmental Forum of Marin about the economics of the recycling of plastics.**
- **Thursday, April 24<sup>th</sup> from noon to 1:00, in EPA's first floor conference rooms (Nevada & Marianas Rooms)**
- **Plastics represent the fastest growing portion of the municipal solid waste stream. While plastics may break into smaller and smaller pieces, they do not biodegrade. They last for several centuries - so every piece of plastic that has been littered (and has not been picked up or eaten by wildlife) is still in the environment**
- **Learn the answers to these questions and much more:**
  - 1) Where does the plastic go after you put it into the recycling bin?**
  - 2) What does the chasing arrow symbol really mean?**
  - 3) How do biodegradable plastics impact existing plastic infrastructure?**



# For more information...

Visit the R9 EPA, RTOC website at:  
<http://www.epa.gov/region09/indian/rtoc.html>

Visit the Tribal Program Monthly Newsletter at:  
[http://www.epa.gov/region09/cross\\_pr/indian/newslet.html](http://www.epa.gov/region09/cross_pr/indian/newslet.html)

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